

### REMARKS

In regard to the Examiner's objections to the drawings, Applicant is submitting herewith, a proposed replacement drawing of figure 3 wherein the parts are bracketed. Additionally, Applicant traverses the Examiner's objection to claims 2, 3, and 5, regarding the style of the toothpaste, as Applicant believes that the particular style of the drawing of the toothpaste is a matter of choice and that no rule exists to reject Applicant's interpretation of his rendition of the toothpaste, Applicant is nevertheless submitting herewith, proposed replacement sheets for figures 2, 3, and 5, (including the other figures thereon), wherein the toothpaste has been drawn in the style suggested by the examiner strictly for the purposes of advancing this application to issuance.

In regard to the Examiner's objections to the specifications, Applicant has amended the specifications in the manner suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the scrivener's errors noted. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

In regard to the Examiner's objection to claim 17 under 37 CFR 1.75(b), Applicant has canceled this claim without prejudice and has therefore mooted this basis of objection.

In regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Hough, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Greenberg, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 3, 8-10, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Sherman, and the Examiner's rejection of claims 6, 7, and 13 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hough in view of Glassman, Applicant's invention, as now claimed, is new and novel in light of the prior art.

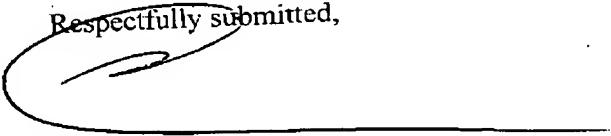
Specifically, none of the prior art, alone or in combination teach or suggest a toothbrush with a reservoir for holding toothpaste therein, wherein the reservoir is disposed within the handle of the toothbrush and extends through both a top surface of the handle and a bottom surface of the handle and with covers disposed on each such surface. By so providing a reservoir, the toothbrush can be grasped and the user can use a forefinger and a thumb each acting on opposing sides of the reservoir to squeeze and move the toothpaste within the reservoir

up to the bristles. All the prior art teachings, including Hough have a reservoir that extends through one surface of the handle with the opposite side of the handle being a solid member wherein no reservoir protrusion exists

Therefore, Applicant's device, as now claimed, is novel and non-obvious in light of the prior art.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, therefore an early notice to this effect is courteously solicited.

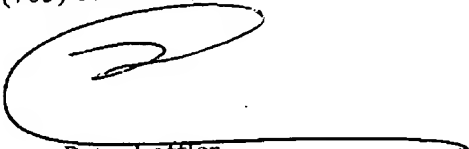
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